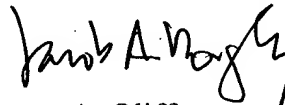


REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 8 is added. Support for new claim 8 can be found, for example, at page 6, lines 8 through 11 of the instant specification. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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